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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Parking Fees

1. Your memorandum of 22 May 1962 outlines the problem involved with respect to the parking situation at the Natonic Building when privately owned vehicles are removed from the garage for use in connection with official trips to Langley and other outlying areas of metropolitan Washington. The difficulty is engendered by the fact that the Natonic management permits the Agency employees parking on a monthly basis (for which \$19 per month is paid by the individual) only one entry and exit per day. Thus when the employee uses his car to attend a meeting at Langley, he must on return pay a further parking fee at some other location near the Natonic building. Your memorandum seeks authority for reimbursement for this latter parking charge.


2. As you indicate, there is general authority in the Standard Government Travel Regulations 35 b.(1) for the payment of parking fees incurred in connection with the conduct of public business. The situation under consideration is unique in that the usual parking charge for which reimbursement is contemplated is incurred during the course of the use of the privately owned vehicle on official business and not as here after the official business has been terminated. Nevertheless, based on the facts as stated in your memorandum, the Government has obtained a genuine benefit from the use of the vehicle in each case. The conduct of public business has been expedited and the parking fee which must be paid at the conclusion is directly attributable to the use of the vehicle in the conduct of Government business. Had the official trip not been made, the parking charge would not have been incurred.

3. We therefore perceive no legal objection to reimbursement for additional parking fees incurred by DODS employees parking on a monthly basis who remove their privately owned vehicles from the

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Matomic Building during the course of the work day for use in connection with official business. This matter was discussed informally with a member of the staff of the General Counsel to the Comptroller General who stated that there are no Comptroller General decisions involving this unique situation, but that he felt the parking fee involves a legitimate expense for the reimbursement of which he would not object.

4. It is believed that careful planning and timing of the use of privately owned vehicles would assist in keeping the parking charges to a reasonable minimum.

  
Assistant General Counsel  
Office of Logistics

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